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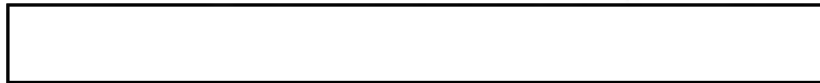
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Cuba: Castro has promised that the cash proceeds from the ransom of the Bay of Pigs prisoners will be used for the "liberation" of Latin America,

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[redacted] \$100,000 had been allotted to PCE and that half of this amount had already been received. The money was said to have been given on the condition that it be used solely to prepare for a revolt--including the local purchase of arms and supply--and not expended on salaries or trips.

The 1962 budget for the Cuban Institute for Friendship with Peoples (ICAP), one of Castro's chief agencies for spreading subversion, was increased late in the year by more than 1.3 million pesos, according to an official Cuban decree published on 5 December. ICAP channels Cuban financial support to groups in other countries, pays for the travel of individuals and groups to Cuba, and supports them during their stay.

The increase in the agency's funds appears to have coincided with other manifestations of increased Cuban aggressiveness in fomenting revolution observed following the missile crisis. [redacted]

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Indonesia-Malaya: Relations between Indonesia and Malaya are continuing to deteriorate. The Indonesian foreign minister warned publicly yesterday that incidents and even war with Malaya might follow the establishment of the Malaysia Federation. On the Malayan side, Prime Minister Rahman said last week that if the Indonesians "ever dare attack us we are ready to accept the challenge." [REDACTED]

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Britain-USSR: [REDACTED] The government is expected to tell Parliament today that it is willing to consider a Soviet offer to barter crude oil for ships built in British yards. According to a Ministry of Transport official, British interest in such a deal stems from the high rate of unemployment in the ship-building industry. The amount of oil involved is small--less than one half of one percent of Britain's domestic consumption. [REDACTED]

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Yemen-UK: British inaction may cause Yemeni President Sallal to carry out his threat to expel British diplomatic personnel unless London recognizes his regime by 15 February. The British cabinet considered the question last week but reached no decision. Colonial Secretary Sandys, who strongly opposes recognition, is scheduled to begin a tour of Africa on 13 February, and this may delay a decision for several weeks more.

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Congo: Tshombé, now in Europe for medical attention, evidently intends to return to Katanga and to play a leading role in the Congo. He professed to the US consul in Elisabethville his desire to cooperate with the US in developing the country and his hope that the US would not insist on "paying off old scores." He has made similar overtures to UN officials, and has notified Leopoldville that he is ready to nominate Katangans to serve as ministers in the central government.

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Burma: The ouster of Brigadier Aung Gyi, an able moderate who was the second most powerful figure in the military regime, will permit leftist influence in the government to increase. Aung Gyi was dismissed because his criticisms of government operations had irritated Premier Ne Win, and he may eventually become a rallying point for the regime's civilian opponents and for dissatisfied field commanders in the army.

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